# REMARKS

Applicants submitted an amendment dated March 9, 2009, in which claims 51 and 67 were amended and new independent claim 164 was added. The amendment was filed following the reopening of prosecution in view of a 3rd party protest, before any further action on the merits.

Claim 164 is similar to claim 51 as explained in Applicants' previous submission. In the remarks submitted on March 9, Applicants made the following request: "Should claim 164 be allowed, the Applicants request the opportunity to make existing dependent claims dependent from claim 164 as well."

The Applicants thank the Office for prompt reconsideration and allowance of the case, and request the opportunity to submit select dependent claims that refer to claim 164 but are otherwise essentially identical to previously presented dependent claims that refer to claim 51. Specifically, new dependent claims 165-174 are essentially identical to existing claims 53, 54, 69, 82, 104, 107-109, 142, and 147, respectively (except that they depend from claim 164 instead of claim 51). Because the new claims are dependent claims, essentially identical to allowed dependent claims, the new claims should not raise any new patentability issues.

In addition to requesting the addition of these new singly dependent claims, the Applicants also have suggested a scheme for renumbering the allowed and new claims consistent with 37 CFR §1.126 and MPEP §1301.01. The proposed numbering is set forth in a table appended hereto. The left column of the table lists the current claims by number, in the new proposed order. After each dependent claim number, in parentheses, is a list of the claim(s) to which the claim currently refers. In the right column of the table are proposed new numbers for each claim, beginning with 1 and proceeding consecutively. In parentheses in the right column are the numbers to which each dependent claim would refer, if the new numbering scheme is adopted. If the claims are renumbered as suggested in the chart appended hereto, then all dependent claims will follow the claims from which they depend, and all multiply dependent claims will follow *all* of the claims from which they depend (in the alternative). The renumbering should improve the readability of the eventual patent by placing dependent claims immediately after independent claims to which they refer. The Applicants can rewrite the claims in this manner, if the Office requests.

# I.    CONCLUSION.

The Office is authorized to charge any claim fees or other fees due in relation to this amendment to Marshall Gerstein & Borun deposit account no. 13-2855, under order number 28079/41785.

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| Current claim number (current dependent claims) | Suggested renumbering (with renumbered dependencies) |
|---|---|
| 47 | 1 |
| 49(47) | 2 (1) |
| 50(49) | 3 (2) |
| 103 (47 or 49) | 4 (1 or 2) |
| 106 (47 or 49) | 5 (1 or 2) |
| 51 | 6 |
| 53 (51) | 7 (6) |
| 54 (51) | 8 (6) |
| 55 | 9 |
| 56 (55) | 10 (9) |
| 57 (55) | 11 (9) |
| 104 (51 or 55) | 12 (6 or 9) |
| 79 (47, 51, 55) | 13 (1, 6 and 9) |
| 93 (47, 49, 51, and 55) | 14 (1, 2, 6 and 9) |
| 94 (47, 49, 51, and 55) | 15 (1, 2, 6 and 9) |
| 110 (47, 49, 51, and 55) | 16 (1, 2, 6 and 9) |
| 111 (47, 49, 51, and 55) | 17 (1, 2, 6 and 9) |
| 82 (47, 49, 51, and 53-55) | 18(1, 2, 6 and 7-9) |
| 69 (47, 49-51, 53-57) | 19 (1-3, 6 and 7-11) |
| 59 | 20 |
| 60 (59) | 21 (20) |
| 61 (60) | 22 (21) |
| 62 (60) | 23 (21) |
| 80 (59-60) | 24 (20-21) |
| 70 (59-62) | 25 (20-23) |
| 85 (59-62) | 26 (20-23) |
| 86 (59-62) | 27 (20-23) |
| 63 | 28 |
| 65 (63) | 29 (28) |
| 64 (63) | 30 (28) |
| 66 (64) | 31 (30) |
| 90 (47, 49, 51, 59-60, and 63-64) | 32 (1-2, 6, 20-21, 28, and 30) |
| 67 | 33 |
| 78 (47, 49, 51, 55, 59-64, 67) | 34 (1-2, 6, 9, 20-23, 28, 30, and 33) |
| 83 (47, 49, 51, 55, and 67) | 35 (1-2, 6, 9, and 33) |
| 89 (47, 49, 51, 55 and 67) | 36 (1-2, 6, 9, and 33) |
| 88 (47, 49-51, 53-54, 59-64, and 67) | 37(1-3, 6, 7-8, 20-23, 28, 30, and 33) |
| 98 (47, 49, 51, 59, 60, 63-64, and 67) | 38 (1-2, 6,  20-21, 28, 30, and 33) |
| 100 (47, 49-51, 53-57, 59-64, and 67) | 39 (1-3, 6, 7-11, 20-23, 28, 30, and 33) |
| 101 (47, 49-51, 53-57, 59-64, and 67) | 40 (1-3, 6, 7-11, 20-23, 28, 30, and 33) |
| 102 (47, 49-51, 53-57, 59-64, and 67) | 41 (1-3, 6, 7-11, 20-23, 28, 30, and 33) |
| 107 (47, 49-51, 53-57, 59-64, and 67) | 42 (1-3, 6, 7-11, 20-23, 28, 30, and 33) |
| 108 (47, 49-51, 53-57, 59-64, and 67) | 43 (1-3, 6, 7-11, 20-23, 28, 30, and 33) |
| 109 (47, 49-51, 53-57, 59-64, and 67) | 44 (1-3, 6, 7-11, 20-23, 28, 30, and 33) |
| 95 (59-64 and 67) | 45 (20-23, 28, 30, and 33) |

| Current claim number (current dependent claims) | Suggested renumbering (with renumbered dependencies) |
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| 96 (59-64 and 67) | 46 (20-23, 28, 30, and 33) |
| 105 (59, 60, 63-64, and 67) | 47 (20-21, 28, 30, and 33) |
| 68 (67) | 48 (33) |
| 73 (49-51, 53-55, 60-61, 64, 68) | 49 (2, 3, 6-9, 21-22, 30, and 48) |
| 77 (47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 59, 61, 64, 68) | 50 (1-2, 6-7, 9, 20, 22, 30, 48)) |
| 112 | 51 |
| 113 | 52 |
| 114 (113) | 53 (52) |
| 115 (113) | 54 (52) |
| 116 (113-115) | 55 (52-54) |
| 143 (115) | 56 (54) |
| 117 | 57 |
| 118 (117) | 58 (57) |
| 119 | 59 |
| 127 (119) | 60 (59) |
| 120 | 61 |
| 121 (120) | 62 (61) |
| 122 | 63 |
| 123 (122) | 64 (63) |
| 124 | 65 |
| 125 (124) | 66 (65) |
| 133 (112, 119-125, and 127) | 67 (51 and 59-66) |
| 136 (112, 119-125, and 127) | 68 (51 and 59-66) |
| 140 (112, 119-125, and 127) | 69 (51 and 59-66) |
| 126 | 70 |
| 128 | 71 |
| 129 (128) | 72 (71) |
| 130 (112-115 and 117-129) | 73 (51-54, 57-66, and 70-72) |
| 131 (112-115 and 117-129) | 74 (51-54, 57-66, and 70-72) |
| 132 (112-115 and 117-129) | 75 (51-54, 57-66, and 70-72) |
| 134 (112-115 and 117-129) | 76 (51-54, 57-66, and 70-72) |
| 135 (112-115 and 117-129) | 77 (51-54, 57-66, and 70-72) |
| 137 (112-115 and 117-129) | 78 (51-54, 57-66, and 70-72) |
| 138 (112-115 and 117-129) | 79 (51-54, 57-66, and 70-72) |
| 139 (112-115 and 117-129) | 80 (51-54, 57-66, and 70-72) |
| 141 (112-115 and 117-129) | 81 (51-54, 57-66, and 70-72) |
| 142 (47, 49, 51, 55, 59, 60, 63-64, 112-115, and 117-129) | 82 (1-2, 6, 9, 20-21, 28, 30, 51-54, 57-66, and 70-72) |
| 144 | 83 |
| 145 | 84 |
| 146 | 85 |
| 147 (47, 49-51, 53-57, 59-68, 112-115, 117-121, 124-125, 127-129, 143, and 145-146) | 86 (1-3, 6-11, 20-23, 28-31, 33, 48, 51-54, 56-62, 65-66, 71-72, and 84-85) |
| 148 | 87 |
| 151 (148) | 88 (87) |
| 153 (148) | 89 (87) |

| Current claim number (current dependent claims) | Suggested renumbering (with renumbered dependencies) |
|---|---|
| 149 (148) | 90 (87) |
| 150 (148 or 149) | 91 (87 or 90) |
| 155 (148 or 149) | 92 (87 or 90) |
| 156 (148 or 149) | 93 (87 or 90) |
| 157 (148 or 149) | 94 (87 or 90) |
| 158 (148 or 149) | 95 (87 or 90) |
| 159 (148 or 149) | 96 (87 or 90) |
| 160 (148 or 149) | 97 (87 or 90) |
| 161 (148 or 149) | 98 (87 or 90) |
| 162 (148 or 149) | 99 (87 or 90) |
| 152 (149) | 100 (90) |
| 154 (149) | 101 (90) |
| 163 (148, 149, 151, and 152) | 102 (87-88, 90, and 100) |
| 164 | 103 |
| 165 (164) | 104 (103) |
| 166 (164) | 105 (103) |
| 167 (164) | 106 (103) |
| 168 (164) | 107 (103) |
| 169 (164) | 108 (103) |
| 170 (164) | 109 (103) |
| 171 (164) | 110 (103) |
| 172 (164) | 111 (103) |
| 173 (164) | 112 (103) |
| 174 (164) | 113 (103) |